3240V Hunting Preserve

1. Definition

Establishments primarily engaged in commercial hunting and trapping, or in the operation of game preserves. Hunting Preserves are typically fenced operations intended to hold domestically raised game intended for commercial hunting and trapping, however, this definition also includes operations regulated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission as Regulated Hunting Grounds which provide commercial hunting of certain game bird species (namely ringneck pheasants, bobwhite quail, mallard ducks, or other similar game birds). This definition does not include hunting and fishing lodges/camps or any traditional hunting activities carried out in conformance with Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations.

2. Supplemental Controls

a. Hunting Preserves must have an area of no less than one hundred (100) contiguous acres for the operation which is undivided by public or private rights-of-way intended for the conveyance of automobiles.

b. The entire game preserve/hunting operation must be surrounded by a fence of sufficient height to prevent the animals from leaving the game preserve. Additionally, the fence must be extended at least 2 feet below ground or the bottom of the fence at least 2 feet up must be electrified to prevent animals from burrowing below the fence. Regulated Hunting Grounds are not required to provide fencing but are required to mark the boundary of the property in such manner that any intruder is warned of the purpose of the area and that it is unlawful to enter the area without permission or as otherwise required by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

c. No enclosure for commercial hunting shall be erected within four hundred fifty (450) feet of a neighboring residence, any neighboring agricultural building used to house livestock, a school, daycare facility, or playground associated with a school.

d. Commercial hunting operations shall not undertake activities between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

e. The owner/operator will show proof that any and all required federal, state, and local licenses and permits have been obtained.

f. A Hunting Preserve is permitted a principal building(s) for the conduct of business related to the operation as well as for lodging guests of the preserve. Lodging facilities shall not be open to customers other than patrons of the hunting preserve and must follow the requirements listed in Section 3240J.2.b through 3240j.2.f. A Hunting Preserve is also permitted an accessory structure for the purposes of butchering game animals killed within the hunting preserve.